Domestic Violence: Plain Language Forms
<b>Revoke forms</b> DV-100, DV-100A, DV-110, DV-120, DV-130, DV-140, DV-150, 1296.45, and 1296.31E. <b>Adopt forms</b> FL-800, FL-800A, FL-810, FL-820, FL-825, FL-830, FL-831, FL-832, FL-833, FL-835, FL-840, FL-841, FL-870, FL-890, and FL-895. <b>Approve forms</b> FL-801, FL-851, FL-852, FL-853, FL-854, FL-855, FL-856, FL-857, FL-858, FL-859, FL-860, FL-861, and FL-896
The proposed domestic violence forms would be easier for self-represented litigants to complete and understand.
Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee
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The proposed domestic violence forms were drafted with the assistance of a literacy expert and with input from court clerks and managers, domestic violence victim advocates, law enforcement officers, and judicial officers. The Family and Juvenile Law Advisory Committee provided review and oversight of the drafting. Through the use of plain language and creative formatting, the proposed forms are intended to be simpler to use and understand than the current domestic violence forms. The committee seeks comment on the overall proposal, as well as on particular formatting and substantive issues highlighted in the discussion below.
Major Formatting Revisions  Headings. The first-page heading is replaced with text that directly addresses the person filling out the form, intended to be easier for self-represented litigants to understand. Attorney information is set out separately. The "file stamp" area, court location, and case number boxes are consolidated. Subsequent page headings require only the moving party's name and case number. The respondent's name is eliminated.  Form names and numbers. The form name and number are prominently displayed in the upper-left corner. The name is repeated in the footer. The forms are numbered to comply with the new renumbering system. The "FL" designation replaces the "DV" designation, to indicate that the forms are for family law actions, and to make it clear that other family law forms can be attached, as

This preference follows tax form theory. It is believed that people can remember form numbers more easily than names. People are more likely to memorize and refer to form numbers because they are distinctive and shorter. In addition, the use of numbers reduces repetitive and lengthy form name references.

Footers. The lower-right corner is reserved for the page number and, when appropriate, an arrow to indicate another page. Code sections are moved to the lower left corner, along with the form adoption/approval or revision date, since self-represented litigants are less likely to require this information. Forms are clearly identified as to whether or not they are orders by the reverse bold text at the bottom of the page. This text appears on the first and/or last page of each form.

*Text*. All text is revised for a sixth-grade reading level, whenever possible. The font is larger than in the current Judicial Council forms and is generally 11- or 12-point type. The current font is generally 9- or 10- point type.

*Graphics*. Key information such as hearing dates, service dates, item numbers, and termination dates are highlighted by reverse block graphics.

Litigant identifiers. The person seeking protection would always be named in item 1 throughout the forms. The person to be restrained would always be named in item 2 throughout the forms. In addition, the parties could also identify with the star or diamond graphic by their names. These identifiers would make it easier for litigants, court clerks, and law enforcement to easily track the parties.

Page sequence. In the current style for Judicial Council forms, the text on the back of a page must be "upside down" (see California Rule of Court 982(e)). Forms printed in this way are often referred to as "tumbled" forms. Tumbled forms are easier for court clerks and judicial officers to process and read. However, they can be challenging for self-represented litigants to complete and photocopy. that are printed the same direction on both sides. The committee seeks comment on whether it should propose a rule to permit filing of two-sided forms without the requirement for tumbling.

#### **Substantive Revisions**

In general, the use of simpler words is not intended to change the

meaning of the text. The committee specifically seeks comment on whether any text revisions would result in a change of meaning, from the forms currently in effect.

All substantive revisions to existing forms are specifically listed under each form heading below. The committee seeks comment on all substantive revisions. The committee specifically seeks comment on item 9 on form FL-810 (the firearm ownership provision). The provision is discussed below in detail.

### **Forms**

FL-800, Request for Order (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would replace existing form DV-100. Key new features of the simplified form include the following:

- Requests for other court cases would be consolidated into one area.
- The check boxes for type of abuse are eliminated. The reason for this deletion is that courts are unlikely to make a finding of abuse sufficient to grant the order merely from the check box. Courts usually require a showing of a past act or acts of abuse from the petitioner's declaration. Therefore, this unnecessary text is eliminated.
- The check boxes to enable a litigant to request an order only at the hearing, instead of on a temporary basis, are eliminated.
   The theory is that the vast majority of litigants seeking protective orders want them immediately.
- The section for permission for peaceful contact related to visitation is moved to the visitation form (FL-831) and is modified to make clear that contact is allowed only as it relates to court-ordered exchange or in emergencies.
- All issues relating to children are consolidated on the child custody, visitation, and child support attachment (Form FL-800A)
- Written contact for service of papers regarding an ongoing court case is allowed.
- The property restraint provision has been shortened. Family

Code section 6325 provides that the court can issue the marital property restraint orders as provided in Family Code section 2045. That section specifies two types of property restraint. The form would be modified to eliminate the requirement that a party notify the other of any proposed extraordinary expenditures. The theory is that very few litigants use this provision and that litigants subject to a restraining order are otherwise prevented from contacting the protected party. The court could add this order if needed. Staff seeks comment on this deletion.

FL-800A, Attachment to Request for Order (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would replace existing form DV-100A. The form would be revised to include the information on existing form MC-150, Declaration Under Uniform Child Custody Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act (UCCJEA). The theory is that litigants are currently required to complete form MC-150 when they request custody orders in their restraining order requests. Combining the forms would reduce the duplicative information currently required of litigants.

FL-801, *Description of Abuse (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This would be a new optional form to help self-represented litigants provide more complete information about the abuse.

FL-810, *Temporary Restraining Order (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This form would replace existing form DV-110. Key features of the simplified form include the following:

- The "case type" boxes would be eliminated;
- A Spanish language warning would be added;
- The marital property warning would be shortened to refer to "property" instead of "real or personal property";
- The standard warning not to possess a gun would be added as a discretionary court order;
- Instructions for law enforcement would be added as an additional page to the order;
- The order for the litigant to distribute a copy of the order to law enforcement would be deleted, since that requirement was

deleted from the statute.

The committee specifically seeks comment on the addition of a discretionary court order not to possess a firearm. The current form contains a warning that any person subject to a protective order may not own or possess a firearm. The committee believes that identifying that provision as a specific court order brings the issue to the restrained person's attention more clearly. The main issue is whether the order should be mandatory or discretionary.

Family Code section 6389(a) specifies that anyone subject to a protective order as defined in Family Code section 6218 shall not own, possess, purchase, or receive a firearm while that protective order is in effect. Section 6218 includes temporary orders issued ex parte, or after notice and hearing. Family Code section 6389(c) specifies that the court must order the restrained person to relinquish his or her firearms at a duly noticed hearing. Therefore, the statute is ambiguous. The statute denies ownership or possession of a firearm upon the issuance of a restraining order (noticed or not), but does not require relinquishment of that firearm until a duly noticed hearing.

The current form (DV-110) responds to the law by including the statutorily required warning about the prohibition on ownership or possession of a firearm. The firearm relinquishment order is discretionary, in keeping with the statute which requires relinquishment after a duly noticed hearing.

The committee seeks comment on two different options for reconciling the statutory framework.

### Option 1:

The first option is reflected in the proposed form, which is attached for comment. It contains a discretionary checkbox to order the restrained person to relinquish his or her firearm, and also includes a discretionary checkbox to order the restrained person not to own or possess a firearm.

### Option 2:

The second option would present a change from the current form. It would make both the ownership provision and the relinquishment provision mandatory. Under Option 2, items 9 and 10 on form FL-810

would appear as follows:

### 9. ☑ No Guns or Other Firearms

The person in 2 cannot own, have, buy, receive or try to buy, or receive, or in any other way get a gun or firearm.

#### 10. ✓ Turn in or Sell Guns or Firearms

The person in 2:

- a.  $\square$  was not in court when this order was made. That person must sell to a gun dealer or turn in to police any guns or firearms that he or she has or controls within 48 hour of receiving this order.
- b.  $\square$  was present in court when this order was made. That person must sell to a gun dealer or turn in to police any guns or firearms that he or she has or controls within 24 hours of receiving this order.
- c. Important must bring a receipt to the court within 72 hours of receiving this order, to prove that guns have been turned in or sold.

The committee seeks comment on both options.

- FL-820, Answer to Temporary Restraining Order (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would replace existing form DV-120.
- FL-825, *Reissue Temporary Restraining Order (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This would be a new mandatory form, adopted for use only in Domestic Violence Prevention Act (DVPA) cases.
- FL-830, Restraining Order After Hearing (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would replace existing form DV-130. Key features of the simplified form include the following: (1) a new section requiring the parties to return for review; (2) as in FL-810, the law enforcement instructions would be added as an extra page to the order.
- FL-831, *Child Custody & Visitation Order (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This would be a new mandatory form, adopted for use only in DVPA cases. It would be attached to the Temporary Restraining Order or Order After Hearing, and would be two pages to allow for the larger font. The provision for peaceful contact for

- visitation exchange and emergencies would be added to this form and removed from forms FL-810 and FL-830.
- FL-832, Supervised Visitation Order (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would be retained, pursuant to significant comment during the summer 2001 public comment period. It would be adopted as a new form for use only in DVPA cases.
- FL-833, *Child Support Order (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This form would be adopted as a new form for use only in DVPA cases.
- FL-835, Other Orders (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would replace existing form 1296.31E, Domestic Violence Miscellaneous Orders Attachment. This form would only be attached to FL-830, Restraining Order After Hearing.
- FL-840, *Proof of Service (In Person) (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. The existing *Proof of Service* form (DV-140) would be separated into two forms. The proof of personal service would be a standalone form, with the title revised for easier comprehension.
- FL-841, *Proof of Service By Mail (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This form would be added to reduce confusion about which forms can be served by mail.
- FL-851, Forms You Need for a Temporary Restraining Order (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form and those numbered up through FL-861 would replace the information currently found in DV-150, the Domestic Violence restraining Orders Instruction Booklet.
- FL-852, *Can A Domestic Violence Restraining Order Help Me?* (*Domestic Violence Prevention*). Basic information for the person seeking protection would be found in this form.
- FL-853, *I Filled Out the Forms What Now? (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. For the person seeking protection, this form would provide general information about the next steps.
- FL-854, What Is Proof of Service? (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would provide basic information about how to effectuate personal service; it is intended for the person seeking protection.
- FL-855, Get Ready for Your Hearing, (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would provide information about the court hearing for the

person seeking protection.

FL-856, *How to Enforce Your Order (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This form would provide information about enforcement for the person seeking protection.

FL-857, *Information for the Restrained Person (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This form would provide general information for the person responding to a restraining order request.

FL-858, *Get Ready for Your Hearing (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This form would provide information about the court hearing for the person responding to a restraining order request.

FL-859, *Information About FL-825 (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This form would provide general information about the reissuance process and requirements.

FL-860, *How Can I Make the Order Permanent?* (*Domestic Violence Prevention*). A checklist for the person seeking a Restraining Order After Hearing would be made available.

FL-861, Which Financial Form? (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would provide litigants with information about whether they should use the *Income and Expense Declaration*, or the *Financial Statement* (Simplified).

FL-870, Registration of Foreign Restraining Order (Domestic Violence Prevention). This form would replace existing form 1296.45, Registration of Foreign Domestic Violence Restraining Order and Order (CLETS) (Domestic Violence Prevention) (Family Law).

FL-890, Request to Renew Restraining Order and Judge's Order for Hearing (Domestic Violence Prevention). This mandatory new form would provide a way for litigants to renew their orders pursuant to Family Code section 6345. The statute does not specifically provide for a procedure. Thus, the form provides for a hearing date and service of process. Staff specifically seeks comment on this proposed procedure.

FL-895, *Proof of Firearms Turned In or Sold (Domestic Violence Prevention)*. This optional form would allow the restrained person to provide the court with a standardized receipt to indicate compliance with the court's firearm relinquishment order, pursuant to Family Code

section 6389.

FL-896, What Do I Do With My Gun or Firearm? (Domestic Violence Prevention). This new form would provide instructions on how to legally and safely relinquish a firearm.

Attachments

FL-800 Request for Ord	ler	If filed, clerk	will stamp below
Your name (person asking for protection)	:		
Your address, or if confidential, address wyou (Skip this if you have a lawyer):	here mail can be sent	to	
City: State: _			
Your phone # (optional): ()		_	
Your lawyer's name <i>(if you have one)</i> , address Bar #:	1	(Court Harric aric	d street address):
Name of person you want protection fror	m (restrained person):		
Describe that person: Sex: $\square$ M $\square$ F			
Race: • H			r:
Eye Color: • Age: •	Date of Birth:/_	/	
Besides you, who needs protection? Name	Age	Lives with you?  Yes No Yes No Yes No Yes No	How are they related to you?
If you need more space, attach a sheet of paper and ı	vrite "Item 3 - Protected Pe	ople" at the top.	
Your relationship to the person in ② (che a. □ are now married. b. □ used to be married. c. □ live together. d. □ used to live together. e. □ are relatives, in-laws, or related f. □ are dating. g. □ dated. h. □ are engaged to be married. i. □ were engaged to be married. j. □ are the parents of a child or chi □ (1) We have signed a "Volu	by adoption (specify): ldren under 18.		ld or children.

This is not a Court Order.

17 ·	Case Number:
Your name:	
Check the boxes that apply to your case.	
☐ Juvenile ☐ Child Support☐ Parentage/I If yes, where? County:	egal Separation
Personal Conduct Order  I ask the court to order the person in 2 not to: co messages or mail, harass, attack, strike, threaten, as	ntact, either directly or indirectly, or telephone, send sault (sexually or otherwise), hit, follow, stalk, destroy arveillance, block movements, or molest me or any of the
The people listed in   Stay-Away Order  I ask the court to order the person in ② to stay at (Check all that apply)  a. □ Me  b. □ The people listed in ③  c. □ My home  d. □ My job or workplace	least yards away from:  e.
	om all the places listed above, will he or she still be able emple?   Yes No (If no, explain):
Move-out Order  I ask the court to order the person in 2 to move of (Address)  I have the right to live at the above address because	out from and not return to:  c (explain):
9 Child Custody, Visitation and Child Support I ask the court to order child custody, visitation and (You must fill out and attach Form FL-800A.)	d/or child support.
Written Contact for Ongoing Case I ask the court to let the person in ② have peaceful only.	l written contact with me for service of legal documents

Your 1	nam	e:			Case Number:			
11		Record Unlawful Comm I ask for the right to record		ade to me by the pe	erson in <b>②</b> that v	violate the jud	ge's ord	ers.
12		Property Control  I ask the court to give on listed here:						
13		<b>Debt Payment</b> I ask the court to order the If you need more space, attach I		1 ,				
		Pay to:					1	1
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		Pay to:						
15		I am married to the person hide, or get rid of or dest Spousal Support I am asking for spousal su annulment case. You must Attorney Fees and Costs I ask that the person in You must complete and file	roy any property, excupport. You can only a fill out <b>4</b> of this form  yellow the pay some or all of the pay some	ept in the usual cou ask for this if you file 1, AND fill out and	erse of business of this form in you file Form FL-150	or for necessiti  r divorce, separ	es of lit	or
17		<b>Restitution.</b> I ask that th	e person in 2 pay th	ne following:				
		Pay to:		For:		Amount:	\$	
		Pay to:		For:		Amount:	\$	
		Pay to:You can ask for lost earnin care, counseling, temporary	gs or your costs for serv	vices caused directly b	by the person in 🛭	🛭 (damaged pr		
18		<b>Batterer's Program</b> I ask the court to order the court. (A batterer's program)	-	•	s program and sl	now proof of c	comple	tion to
19		Free Service by Law End I ask that law enforcement Form 982(a)(17). Ask the	nt serve the restrainin	-	some counties, yo	ou have to file		

our nan	e:	Case Number:
20 🗆	More Time for Service  I need extra time to serve these papers. Because of the facts exp to days before the date of the hearing. For help on "Serv If necessary, add additional facts:	ice", read FL-854.
21 🗆	Other Orders What other orders are you asking for?	
22	Describe Abuse  Describe how the person in ② abused you. Start with the most If you need more space, use Form FL-801 or MC-020. Or, attach a sheet of Check here if you are attaching another sheet.  a. Date of most recent abuse://  b. What happened?/	f paper and write "Item 22 - Abuse" at the top.
	c. Any guns or other weapons used or threatened? ☐ Yes d. Were you injured? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know e. Describe any injuries:	□ No □ I don't know
	f. Describe previous abuse:	
	Need more space? Use Form FL-801 or MC-020. Or, attach a sheet of page.	per and write "Item 22 - Abuse" at the top.
	Turn in Guns or Other Firearms  I ask the judge to order the person in ② to sell or turn in any (Describe any use or threatened use of firearms in ②.)	
	eclare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Correct.	alifornia that the information above is true and
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Tvt	pe or print your name Sign you	ır name

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**FL-800A** 

# **Attachment to Request for Order** Child Custody, Visitation, and Child Support

Case Number:	

Yo	our name:					□ Mom	☐ Dad	Г	] Other
	Keep my address private.						_		
	Keep the address of my children	who live with me	now priv	vate.					
N	ame of other parent:					☐ Mom	☐ Dad		] Othe
	Change of Custody Visit I ask the court to change a current Use of Form FL-800 to explain	nt child custody o			nt this char	ıge.			
	Child Custody								
	I ask the court for custody as foll	ows:		custody t		Plation, etc.) (V	hysical cus Who the chil		
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	d	//							
	If more children, attach a sheet of in the state of in the sta	=			-	e top.			
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	Child in 4a was born in								
	Child in 4b was born in								
	Child in 4c was born in								
	Child in 4d was born in								
	If more children, attach a sheet of j	paper and write "I	tem 5 – 1	Birthplace	e of Childre	n" at the top			
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31	Child in 4a lives with (Name)	now and give iiii	Mom	Dad	Other*	Dates live	d there		
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\* If Other, specify:

name:		Case Number:
	(or children's) address information is the fpaper and write "Item 7 - Other Childre	
If yes, fill out below:	·	nild or children listed above? 🗌 No 🗍 Y
	er custody case:	
		ther (specify):
		State:
e. Date of court order:/.	/	
The person below (Name and address of person):	The person below (Name and address of person):	The person below (Name and address of person):
☐ Has custody ☐ Claims custody rights ☐ Claims visitation rights	☐ Has custody ☐ Claims custody rights ☐ Claims visitation rights	☐ Has custody ☐ Claims custody rights ☐ Claims visitation rights
For (Name of each child):	For (Name of each child):	For (Name of each child):
How many pages are attached to the	is page?	
Important Notice You must tell the court if you find on this form.	out any other information about a custo	ody case in any court for the children

Your name:	Case Number:
Usitation  I ask the court to order that the person in ② have the following temporary visit  a. □ No visitation until the hearing  b. □ No visitation after the hearing  c. □ The following visitation □ until AND after the hearing	
(1) Weekends (starting):// (The 1st weekend of the mon  1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th weekend of month  from at a.m. p.m. to (day of week)	
(2) Weekdays (starting date)://  from(day of week) at(time)	at a.m p.m.
(3) Other Visitation  Attach a sheet of paper with other visitation days and times, like holia and times. Write "Item 9 - Visitation" at the top. Or, use Form MC-0	
Responsibility for Transportation for Visitation  Responsibility for transportation means the parent will take or pick up the child or means to be do so.	ake arrangements for someone else to
a. $\square$ Mom $\square$ Dad $\square$ Other (specify):	o the visits.
b.	rom the visits.
c. Drop-off / Pick up of children will be at: (List address):	
Travel with Children  Mom Dad Other (specify): MUST has other parent, or a court order to take the children outside of:  a. Date State of California.	ave written permission from the
b.  other place(s), list:	
a. ☐ I ask the court for child support.  (You must fill out, file and attach FL-150 or FL-155 before your hearing)	ng.)
b.   I now receive or have applied for TANF, Welfare, CalWORKS or Me	edi-Cal.
15 Supervised Visitation	
a. I ask that the visitation in <b>11</b> be supervised by (write name and telephone)	number):
b. I ask that any costs for supervision be paid as follows:	
Mom% Dad% Other (specify)	%

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## **Description of Abuse**

Case Number:	
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You	ır na	nme:
V	Att	ached to FL-800, Item 22
	De	scribe the most recent abuse.
	a.	Date of most recent abuse://
	b.	Who was there?
	c.	What did the person do or say?
	d.	Where did it happen?
	e.	Any guns or other weapons used or threatened?   Yes   No   I don't know   (If "Yes", describe.)
	f.	Were you injured?   Yes   No   I don't know  (If "Yes", describe.)
	g.	Is there anything else that you want the judge to know about what happened?
		If you need more space, check the box and attach form MC-020. Or attach a sheet of paper and wri

FL-801

## **Description of Abuse**

Case Number:	
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a.	Date of 2nd most recent abuse://
b.	Who was there?
c.	What did the person do or say?
d.	Where did it happen?
e.	Any guns or other weapons used or threatened?   Yes  No  I don't know  (If "Yes", describe.)
f.	Were you injured? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ I don't know  (If "Yes", describe.)
g.	Is there anything else that you want the judge to know about what happened?
	If you need more space, check the box and attach form MC-020. Or attach a sheet of paper and writ "Description of Abuse" at the top.
De	scribe other abuse against you or your children.

	<b>FL-810</b> Temporary Restraining Order	If filed, clerk will stamp below
1	Name of person asking for protection (protected person):	
	Protected person's address, or if confidential, address where mail can be sent (Skip this if you have a lawyer):	
	City: State: Zip: Your phone # (optional): ()	
	Name of protected person's lawyer (if any), address, telephone, and State Bar #:	(Court name and street address):
2	Name of restrained person:	
	Description of that person: Sex: \( \sum M \) \( \text{F} \cdot Ht.: \) \( \text{Wt.: } \) \( \cdot \text{Race: } \cdot \text{Hair Color: } \) \( \text{Eye Color: } \cdot \text{Age: } \cdot \text{Date of Birth: } \( \cdot / \cdot / \cdot \)	Case Number:
3	List the names of all other family or household members protec	
You co	To the person named in ②: You must an be arrested if you do not obey this order. This Order ends on the extends it.  Date:// Time: Name & according to the person of the extends it.	O, hable con un abogado.  Ist obey this order.  The date and time of the hearing below, unless a
	Dept.: Rm.:	
Go	to this hearing. Go with or without a lawyer. If you do not we tell the judge why. You can also file a written answer on form FI	ant the restraining orders against you, you
-	ou miss the hearing, the judge can make the restraining orders la er orders that last longer.	st for up to 3 years. The judge can also make
	re judge makes a Restraining Order at the hearing, which has the of that order by mail at your last known address (below):	e same orders as in this form, you will get a

This is a Court Order.

If this address is not correct, or to know if the orders were made permanent, contact the Court.

Prote	cted	person's name:
		Until the hearing, the restrained person in 2 must follow these orders:
4		Child Custody and Visitation Order  a.   You and the other parent must go to court mediation (address):
		b. ☐ Follow the orders listed in Form FL-831.
5		Personal Conduct Order  The person in ② must not: contact, either directly or indirectly, or telephone, send messages or mail, harass attack, strike, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), hit, follow, stalk, destroy personal property, disturb the peace, keep under surveillance, block movements, or molest any of the people listed in ① and ③.
6		Stay-Away Order  The person in ② must stay at least yards away from:  a.
7		Move-out Order  The person in ② must take only personal clothing and belongings needed until the hearing and move out immediately from (address):
8		Written Contact for Ongoing Case The person in ② may have peaceful written contact with the person in ① for service of legal documents only, unless a criminal protective order says otherwise.
9		No Guns or Other Firearms  The person in ② cannot own, have, buy, receive or try to buy, or receive, or in any other way get a gun or firearm.
10		<ul> <li>Turn in or Sell Guns or Firearms</li> <li>The person in ②:</li> <li>must sell to a gun dealer or turn in to police any guns or firearms that he or she has or controls within 48 hours of receiving this order.</li> <li>must bring a receipt to the court within 72 hours of receiving this order, to prove that guns have been turned in or sold.</li> </ul>
11		Property Control Until the hearing, <i>only</i> the person in ① can use, control, and possess the following property:

Protected p	erson's name:		Case Number:
I	Property Restraint  f the people in ① and ② are married, they must not be destroy any property, except in the usual course of the second secon	_	
	☐ Record Unlawful Communications  Person in ① can record communications made by the person in ② that violate the judge's orders.		
I	Free Service by Law Enforcement  If local law enforcement can serve this order, they will do it for free. In some counties, you have to file Form 982(a)(17). Ask the court clerk.		
15 🗆 (	Other Orders (specify):		
16 🗆 N	More Time for Service		
A	To: Person Asking for Order	<b>B</b> To: Person	Served with Order
<b>3</b> –	eone 18 or over — <b>not you or the people in</b> – must personally "serve" a copy of this order e person in ② at least days before the	If you want to answer you — must "serve" F	someone 18 or over — <b>not</b> Form FL-820 on the person in e court at least days
	For help on Service or Answering	, read Form FL-854 or F	FL-857.
Date	:/	>	
		Judge (or Judicial Officer)	

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## Warnings & Notices to Restrained Person in @

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If ② is checked, you cannot own, have, possess, buy or try to buy, receive or try to receive, or otherwise get a gun while the order is in effect. If you do, you can go to jail and pay a \$1,000 fine. If the orders are approved at the hearing listed on page 1, the court will order you to sell to a gun dealer or turn in to police any guns or firearms that you have or control. The judge will ask you for proof that you did so. If you do not obey this order, you can be charged with a crime. If a restraining order is made at the hearing, federal law says you cannot have guns or ammunition.

- 19 What to do after you have been served with a Restraining Order:
  - Obey all the orders.
  - If you want to answer, fill out Form FL-820. Take it to the court clerk with the forms listed in 20b below.
  - File FL-820 and have all papers served on the protected person by the date indicated in 60 of this form.
  - You do not have to pay to file Form FL-820 or other forms needed to answer.
  - At the hearing, tell the judge if you agree to or disagree with the orders requested.
- 20 Child Custody, Visitation & Support:
  - a. Child Custody and Visitation: If you do not go to the hearing, the judge can make custody and visitation orders for your children without hearing your side.
  - b. Child Support: The judge can order child support based on the income of both parents. The judge can also have that support taken directly from your paycheck. Child support can be a lot of money and usually you have to pay until the child is 18. File and serve a Financial Statement (FL-155) or an Income and Expense Declaration (FL-150) so the judge will have information about your finances. Otherwise, the court will make support orders without hearing your side.

Prote	cted person's name:		Case Number:	
		Instructions for Law Enforceme	ent	
21	Start Date and End Date of Orders  The start date is the date next to the judge's signature on page 3. The orders end on the hearing date on page 1 or the hearing date on Form FL-825, if attached.			
22	Arrest required if Order is violated.  If an officer has probable cause to believe that the restrained person had notice of the order and has disobeyed the order, the officer must arrest the restrained person. (Penal Code, §§ 836(c)(1), 13701(b))			
23	Notice / Proof of Service  Consider the restrained person "served" (noticed) if:  a. the officer sees a copy of the Proof of Service, or confirms that the Proof of Service is on file, or  b. the restrained person was at the restraining order hearing, or was informed of the order by an officer. (Famil Code, § 6383, Penal Code, § 836(c)(2)).			
24	The protected person cannot be arrested for contacting the restrained person.  Only the restrained person can be arrested.  Even if the protected person invites or consents to contact from the restrained person, the orders remain in effect and must be enforced. The protected person cannot be arrested for inviting or consenting to contact by the restrained person. The orders can only be changed by another court order. (Penal Code § 13710(b))			
25	<ul> <li>Child Custody and Visitation</li> <li>See the custody and visitation orders on Form FL-831, items 2 &amp; 3. They are sometimes also written on additional pages, referenced in FL-831 or in other orders that are not part of the restraining order.</li> <li>Forms FL-800 and FL-800A are not orders. Do not enforce them.</li> </ul>			
26	<ul><li>Enforcement Telecommur</li><li>Law enforcement must fir</li><li>If notice cannot be verified</li></ul>	Order in California  cer in California that receives, sees, or verifications System (CLETS) must enforce the est determine if the restrained person had no d, the restrained person must be advised of eders, the officer must enforce them. (Family	orders. orice of the orders. the terms of the orders. If the restrained	
27	Enforcing Restraining Orders Across State Lines Restraining orders from other states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, tribal lands, and U.S. territories, commonwealths and possessions shall be presumed valid and enforced as if they were California orders where the order appears authentic. (Family Code, § 6380.5(a))			
Conflicting Orders  If a criminal restraining order (MC-220) conflicts with any civil restraining order (FL-810 or FI the criminal order. Even if the criminal order is older, you must still enforce it over the civil order 136.2(h))		9		
	Clerk's Certificate	I certify that the above Temporary Recopy of the original on file in the cou	•	
		Clerk by	Denuty	

	FL-820 Answer to Temporary Restrain Order	ing  If filed, clerk will stamp below
1	Name of person who asked for the order:	
2	Your name:	
	Your address, or if confidential, address where mail can be set you (Skip this if you have a lawyer):	nt to
	City: State: Zip:	(Court name and street address):
	Your phone # (optional): ()	
	Your lawyer's name (if you have one), address, telephone and State Bar #:	
	Give the judge your answers to FL-800:	Case Number:
3	☐ Personal Conduct Order  I ☐ do ☐ do not agree to the order requested.	The judge can consider your Answer at the
4	☐ Stay-Away Order  I ☐ do ☐ do not agree to the order requested.	Hearing Date:/ Time: Dept.: Room:
5	☐ Move-out Order  I ☐ do ☐ do not agree to the order requested.	You must obey the orders until the hearing. If you do not come to this hearing, the judge can
6	☐ Child Custody  a. I ☐ do ☐ do not agree to the custody order requ b. ☐ I am not the parent of the child(ren) listed in FL-c. ☐ I ask for the following custody order (specify):	800A.
7	□ Visitation  a. I □ do □ do not agree to the visitation order red  b. □ I ask for the following visitation order (specify): □	±
8	☐ Child Support  I ☐ do ☐ do not agree to the order requested.  You must fill out, serve and file Form FL-150 or FL-155.	
9	☐ Written Contact for Ongoing Case  I ☐ do ☐ do not agree to the order requested.	
10	☐ Record Unlawful Communications ☐ I ☐ do ☐ do not agree to the order requested.	

Prote	cted	person's name:
11)		Property Control  I
12		Debt Payment  I
13		Property Restraint  I do do not agree to the order requested.
14		Spousal Support  I □ do □ do not agree to the order requested.  You must fill out, serve and file Form FL-150.
15		Attorney Fees and Costs  I  do do not agree to the order requested.  You must fill out, serve and file Form FL-150.
16		Restitution  I □ do □ do not agree to the order requested.
17		Batterer's Program  I do do not agree to the order requested.
18		Other Orders (see ② on Form FL-800)  a. I □ do □ do not agree to the order requested.  b. □ I want the following orders: (List here or in ②.)
19		Turn in Guns or Other Firearms  a.
20		I ask the court to order payment of my  a. □ attorney fees  b. □ out-of-pocket expenses because of the temporary restraining order issued without enough supporting facts. The expenses are:  Item: □ Amount: \$ Amount: \$
21		My answer to the statements in FL-800.  [Please attach your statement. Write "Item 21 – More Information" at the top. Be specific.]
	COI	eclare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information above is true and rect.
	Da	te:/
	Тур	e or print your name  Sign your name

FL-825 Reissue Temporary Restraining	If filed, clerk will stamp below
Order	
Name of person asking for protection (protected person):	
Protected person's address, or if confidential, address where mail can	
sent (Skip this if you have a lawyer):	
City: State: Zip:	
Your phone # (optional): () Name of protected person's lawyer <i>(if any)</i> , address, telephone, and	-
State Bar #:	(Court name and street address):
Name of restrained person:	]
Description of that person: Sex: \( \sum M \) \( \subseteq F \cdot Ht.: \( \sum \)	-
Wt.: • Race: • Hair Color: Eye Color: • Age: • Date of Birth://	Case Number:
<ul> <li>I ask the judge to reissue the Order because:</li> <li>a. □ I couldn't get the Order served before the hearing date.</li> <li>b. □ The date of the hearing was changed because we were services.</li> <li>c. □ Other (specify):</li></ul>	
I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Californ Date://	ia that the information above is true and correct.
<b>&gt;</b>	
Type or print your name  Sign y  Judge will fill out grey sec	our name tion below.
Court Orde	
The Order listed in 3 is reissued and reset for hearing in this coextends the time, the Order will end on the date and time below.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Hearing Date:// Time: Name Dept.: Rm.:	ne & address of court if different from above:
All other orders in the Temporary Restraining Order stay in effect	ct unless this order changes them.
Date://	
Judge (or	Judicial Officer)

After the judge signs this Order, make a copy and attach it to the other Orders (FL-800, FL-810 and other court papers). Someone – **not you or anyone else protected by the order** – must personally give these papers to the person in ②. Also, take a copy to law enforcement.

	FL-830	<b>Restraining Order After Hearing</b>	If filed, clerk will stamp below
1	Name of person	asking for protection (protected person):	
		a's address, or if confidential, address where mail can is if you have a lawyer):	
	Your phone # (o Name of protector	State: Zip: optional): () ed person's lawyer (if any), address, telephone, and State	
	Dar #:		(Court name and street address):
2	Name of restrain	ned person:	
	Wt.:•	hat person: Sex: $\square$ M $\square$ F • Ht.:	
	Eye Color:	• Age: • Date of Birth://	Case Number:
3		of all other family or household members protected	
	b. The presenting the first transfer by the first transfer from the first tran	people in ① and ② were at the hearing. No other prooperson in ① was at the hearing. The person in ② was noted to the court.  The judge's orders in this form are the same as FL-81 served by mail.  The judge's orders in this form are different from FL must personally "serve" a copy of this order to the people in ① and ② have agreed in writing to this order.	not. But Proof of Service of FL-810 was  10 except for the end date. This order can be  -810. Someone — not the people in ① or ③ erson in ②.
		e la corte. Tiene que obedecerla. Si no, lo podrían de los formularios FL-857 y FL-858. O, hable con un abo	
		To the person named in 2: You must	t obey this order.
Ther	re was a hearing o	n: Date:/ Time: 🗆 a.m.	☐ p.m. Dept.: Rm.:
	•	made the orders belo	
		idnight, or a.m. p.m. on://	
		he restraining orders end 3 years after the date of the heari hey end at midnight on the end date.	ng.
Note:	: Custody, Visitatio	on or Support Orders usually end when the children turn	
		and ② must return to this court on:// a ffect until the end date.	at: a.m.  p.m.

Prote	cted	person's name:
		Until the hearing, the restrained person in 2 must follow these orders:
5		Personal Conduct Order  The person in ② must not: contact, either directly or indirectly, or telephone, send messages or mail, harass, attack, strike, threaten, assault (sexually or otherwise), hit, follow, stalk, destroy personal property, disturb the peace, keep under surveillance, block movements, or molest any of the people listed in ① and ③.
6		Stay-Away Order  The person in ② must stay at least yards away from:  a. □ Person in ①
7		Move-out Order  The person in ② must move out immediately from (address):
8		Written Contact for Ongoing Case The person in ② may have peaceful written contact with the person in ① only for legal documents related to divorce, separation, or other court cases, unless a criminal protective order says otherwise.
9		Child Custody & Visitation is ordered on the attached Form FL-831, or other (specify):
10		Child Support is ordered on the attached Form FL-833, or other (specify):
11		No Guns or Other Firearms  The person in ② cannot own, have, buy, receive or try to buy, or receive, or in any other way get a gun or firearm.
12		<ul> <li>Turn in or Sell Guns or Firearms</li> <li>The person in ②:</li> <li>must sell to a gun dealer or turn in to police any guns or firearms that he or she has or controls. This must be done within 48 hours of receiving this order. But if the person in ② was at a hearing for this order, it must be done within 24 hours of the hearing.</li> <li>must bring a receipt to the court within 72 hours of receiving this order, to prove that guns have been turned in or sold.</li> </ul>
13		Record Unlawful Communications  Person in ① has the right to record communications made by the person in ② that violate the judge's

orders.

Protec	cted person's name:	Case Number:
14	☐ Batterer's Program  The person in ② must go to and pay for a 52-week counseling program to the Court. This program must be approved by the Probation Depart	1
15	☐ Free Service by Law Enforcement  If local law enforcement can serve this order, they will do it for free.	

16	<b>Other Orders</b> relating to property control, debt payment, attorney fees, restitution, spousal support, counseling and/or other orders are in the attached form FL-835, or other (specify):

17	All other orders and attachments mentioned in this order are attached and made a part of this order.  Note: Custody, Visitation or Support Orders usually end when the children turn 18.
	Number of pages attached:

Date:/		

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	Case Number:
Protected person's name:	

### **Instructions for Law Enforcement**

A Start Date and End Date of Orders

The orders *start* the earlier of the following dates:

- the hearing date on page 1 or
- the date next to the judge's signature on page 3.

The orders *end* on the end date on page 1. If no end date is listed, they end 3 years from the start date.

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- F Enforcing the Restraining Order in California
  - Any law enforcement officer in California that receives, sees, or verifies the orders on the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS) must enforce the orders.
  - Law enforcement must first determine if the restrained person had notice of the orders.
  - If notice cannot be verified, the restrained person must be advised of the terms of the orders. If the restrained person fails to obey the orders, the officer must enforce them. (Family Code, § 6383)
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	Case Number:
Protected person's name:	

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Clerk's Certificate	
[SEAL]	I certify that the above Restraining Order after Hearing is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the court.
	Date:/
	Clerk, by, Deputy